

NOTICE: Expanded Coverage Update for Speech Therapy & Cochlear Implants for Adults

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Dear Provider,

Effective **October 1, 2025**, Cochlear Implants and Speech Therapy Services is now covered by AHCCCS for members **21 years of age and older**.

Previously, these services were limited to children under **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)**. This expansion ensures adult members have access to vital treatments that support speech and hearing health.

These services require prior authorization before care delivery.

Updated Coverage Details:

- **Speech Therapy**
Covered in **outpatient settings** for members aged **21 years and older**.
- **Cochlear Implants**
Available for members aged **21 and older**, following a **medical evaluation** confirming **medical necessity**.

Please share this update with your teams and incorporate it into your service workflows.

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